

RemarksDrawings

Formal drawings are included with this office action response.

Claims

Claims 1-20 are currently pending in this application. With entry of this amendment, claims 1-3, 12, 15 and claims 21-38 will be pending.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-19 as anticipated by U.S. patent number 5,615,015 issued to Krist et al, which will be referred to as Krist. To overcome the Examiner's rejections, the Applicant has amended claims 1-3, 12, and 15.

Rejections of Claims 1-8 and 10-11 Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

The amended claim 1 includes the limitations of "sending at least one of the plurality of pages of data including color data to **a first one of the plurality of the imaging devices** capable of color imaging" and "sending at least one of the plurality of pages of data including only monochrome data to **a second one of the plurality of the imaging devices capable of monochrome imaging**". (emphasis added) Krist does not teach or suggest these limitations. For example, column 9, line 65 refers to "printing system 2". An additional example is found in column 6, lines 10-11 in which reference is made to "printer section 8". Support for the amendments to claim 1 can be found in claim 7.

According to MPEP section 706.02, "for anticipation under 35 U.S.C. 102, the reference must teach every aspect of the claimed invention either explicitly or impliedly. Any feature not directly taught must be inherently present." Because the amended claim 1 includes limitations not taught or suggested by Krist, a valid rejection of the amended claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) does not exist. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection of the amended claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b). The amended claims 2 and 3 depend upon the amended claim 1 and therefore incorporate the limitations of the amended claim 1. Therefore, valid rejections of the amended claims 2 and 3 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) does not exist. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections of the amended claims 2 and

3 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b). Claims 4-8, and 10-11 have been canceled, rendering the Examiner's rejections of these claims moot .

Rejections of Claims 12-14 Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

The amended claim 12 includes the limitations of " including a first set of pages including color data and a second set of pages including only monochrome data" and the limitations of "to send the first set of pages to **a first imaging device capable of color imaging** and a configuration to send the second set of pages to **a second imaging device capable of monochrome imaging**". (emphasis added) Krist does not teach or suggest these limitations. For example, column 9, line 65 refers to "printing system 2". An additional example is found in column 6, lines 10-11 in which reference is made to "printer section 8". Support for the amendments to claim 12 can be found in claim 13. Claims 13-14 have been canceled, rendering the Examiner's rejections of these claims moot .

Rejections of Claims 15-19 Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

The amended claim 15 includes the limitations of " to send the first set of pages to **a first imaging device capable of color imaging** and a configuration to send the second set of pages to **a second imaging device capable of monochrome imaging**". (emphasis added) Krist does not teach or suggest these limitations. For example, column 9, line 65 refers to "printing system 2". An additional example is found in column 6, lines 10-11 in which reference is made to "printer section 8". Support for the amendments to claim 15 can be found in claim 17. Claims 17-19 have been canceled, rendering the Examiner's rejections of these claims moot .

Rejections of Claims 9 and 20 Under 35. U.S.C. § 103(a)

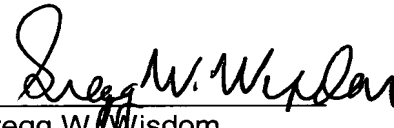
The Examiner has rejected claims 9 and 20 under 35. U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Krist in view of United States patent number 6,301,013 issued to Momose et al. Claims 9 and 20 have been canceled, rendering the Examiner's rejections of these claims moot.

New Claims

Claims 21-38 have been added. Support for claims 21-25 can be found, for example, in the written description on page 4, line 8 through page 5, line 1, as well as elsewhere in the written description. Support for claims 26-27 can be found, for example, in the written description on page 11, line 19 through page 12, line 10, as well as elsewhere in the written description. Support for claim 28 can be found, for example, in the written description on page 11, line 31 through page 12, line 10, as well as elsewhere in the written description. Support for claim 29 can be found, for example, in the written description on page 10, line 21 through line 32, as well as elsewhere in the written description. Support for claims 30-32 can be found, for example, in the written description on page 9, line 21 through page 10, line 5 and page 13, lines 5-19, as well as elsewhere in the written description. Support for claims 33-35 can be found, for example, in the written description on page 13, line 20 through page 14 line 2, as well as elsewhere in the written description. Support for claims 36-38 can be found, for example, in the written description on page 4, line 8 through page 5, line 1, as well as elsewhere in the written description.

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